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Local Nonprofit Receives National Award

Cornerstone Family Programs recognized by national membership association as Agency of the Year

Morristown, N.J. – October 17, 2013 – Cornerstone Family Programs is one of three recipients of an Agency of the Year award presented by the national membership association Alliance for Children and Families, headquartered in Milwaukee.

Cornerstone Family Programs was chosen to receive the award because of its demonstrated excellence in board participation and support; impact through advocacy efforts on local, state, or national levels; and innovative programming in the past 12 months. Representatives from Cornerstone accepted the award at the 2013 Alliance National Conference on Oct. 17 in Minneapolis.

“The Alliance is pleased to honor Cornerstone Family Programs with this award and to have this community asset as part of our network of members,” said Susan Dreyfus, president and CEO of the Alliance.

“This has been a year of historic change and innovation for us,” noted Patrice Picard, CEO of Cornerstone Family Programs, “and to be recognized for our success by the Alliance is truly an honor.”

Celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2013, Cornerstone Family Programs planned several events focused around celebration, fundraising, and education. In addition, Cornerstone undertook a complete re-branding that included a name change to better reflect its services and geographic area served. The name was changed from Family Service of Morris County.

To meet one of its major strategic goals, Cornerstone made Morristown Neighborhood House one of its subsidiaries in 2013, not only doubling its size, but increasing the number of people served to 10,000 each year. The move also brought together two significant community providers into one.

Leading a task force of local senior providers to identify gaps in services for seniors with challenging behaviors led to Cornerstone's Intensive Geriatric Case Management program. In addition, when a great number of New Jersey National Guard were deployed in 2008, Cornerstone developed and implemented a comprehensive military family program that has subsequently served hundreds of soldiers, veterans, and families in case management and counseling.

Cornerstone Family Programs is a 200 year-old private, nonprofit organization that strengthens the community by empowering individuals and families to overcome life's challenges. Cornerstone along with its subsidiary, Morristown Neighborhood House, build better lives and stronger communities through innovative programs serving 10,000 children, adults and seniors. For more information about Cornerstone Family Programs, call 973-538-5260 or visit www.cornerstonefamilyprograms.org.

The Alliance for Children and Families is a national organization dedicated to achieving a vision of a healthy society and strong communities for all children, adults, and families. The Alliance works for transformational change by representing and supporting hundreds of nonprofit human-serving organizations located in North America to translate knowledge into best practices that improve their communities. Working with and through its member network, the Alliance strives to achieve high impact by reducing the number of people living in poverty; increasing the number of people with opportunities to live healthy lives; and increasing the number of people with access to educational and employment success. Go to alliance1.org for more information.

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